IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1228 OF 2004
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.355 OF 2004

Arjun Machindra Puri — Appellant (Org.Accd.No.1)

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra — Respondent

Mr. Mahesh Thorat for appellant.
Mr. B.R. Patil, I/c. P.P. for State.

CORAM : S.S. PARKAR & R.S. MOHITE, JJ.

Date : August 10, 2004.

P.C.:

1. Heard. This application is filed for bail by the appellant who was convicted for the offence of murder of his own wife. The trial court has based the conviction on circumstantial evidence. The death was homicidal in as much as deceased had died because of the strangulation when she was in the house of the accused. There is evidence of cruelty caused to the deceased and also of motive. Similarly there is evidence of accused trying to bury the dead body hurriedly without even intimating about the same to the parents of the deceased. The appellant was not on bail during trial.

2. In the circumstances, the application for bail is rejected. However, since the appellant is stated to be in custody for a period of about four and half years, the hearing of the appeal is expedited.

(S.S. Parkar, J.)

(R.S. Mohite,J.)